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Fee Waived Adoptions for all Active Military and Veterans with Woods Humane Society's Pets for Vets Program



(San Luis Obispo, CA – November 2015) Woods Humane Society is celebrating Veteran's Day 2015 with the launch of our new Pets for Vets Adoption Program. To show their appreciation for service and to assist with placing loving animals into the care of those who will benefit from animal companionship, Woods Humane Society is now offering fee-waived adoptions to any active military, their families, and veterans. Woods' new, ongoing Pets for Vets Program launches on Wednesday, November 11th 2015.

Veterans returning from combat deployment often find it challenging to transition back to civilian life. They need stability and companionship as they make the difficult adjustment after deployment. The effects of combat on those who selflessly sacrifice for our country are staggering and heartbreaking. Many return home with emotional trauma, anxiety, or depression in addition to physical scars or pain. Of veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts treated at the Veterans Administration, 55% face post-deployment challenges. The VA estimates that a veteran commits suicide every 65 seconds, amounting to thousands of lives lost each year.

Studies show interaction with companion animals lowers blood pressure, reduces anxiety, and improves mental and physical health. The quiet, unconditional love of a pet can help veterans cope with loneliness and isolation and provide them with stability, companionship, and a reason to get out of the house. Woods is committed to supporting veterans while providing a second chance for shelter pets. Through the Pets for Vets program, Woods Humane Society aims to place a loving shelter animal into the care of those who will benefit the most!

However, Woods is not limiting this program to only veterans. Woods is pleased to have the ability to offer this program to any active military personnel and their families.

“There are many benefits of animal companionship as pets offer a special connection and unconditional love,” explains Jill Tucker, Executive Director. “As an organization that truly values the contribution our servicemen and women make for our country, providing fee-waived adoptions is a small token of appreciation that benefits both people and animals.”

Additionally, Woods Humane Society is happy to announce our new partnership with New Life K9s and Paws for a Cause as we combine our efforts to benefit local veterans.

New Life K9’s provides service dogs for veteran’s struggling with PTSD and related challenges. Through a new partnership with Woods, appropriate shelter dogs are now being transferred into New Life K9’s training program. Paws for a Cause was formed by Cayucos Rotarians who are raising funds to help sponsor Pets for Vets adoption fees and training costs for New Life K9s dogs. Together, our shared mission is Saving Lives through the Power of Humane-K9 relationships.

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Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 60 years. Woods Humane Society is an animal sheltering and welfare organization based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 1,100 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit www.woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.

The Mission of Woods is:

To serve, protect, and shelter homeless companion animals;

To place animals in humane environments;

To promote responsible pet ownership, provide humane education, and reduce pet overpopulation;

To celebrate the human/animal bond.

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